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FAMINE DEADLINE

The following editorial, abridged from The Nation, 5-18-'46, appears in place of the regular "Within The Week" editorial.

With tremendous food resources at our disposal we are permitting thousands of people all over the world to die of starvation. . . Why have we failed? The American people are not gluttons. They have accepted with a minimum of complaint the inconveniences visited on them by food-conservation orders. But they have complacently imagined that the gov't is doing all it can and that supplying a million tons of food a mo during May and June will enable the hungry millions abroad to pull thru.

Unfortunately neither of these assumptions squares with the facts. The gov't's food-conservation efforts have been timid, weak, and confused. Steps taken during the past mo should have been taken in Nov when the present crisis was clearly foreseen. And as a result we have run up an immense deficit in relief shipments since the beginning of the yr—nearly 900,000 tons in wheat alone. . . We are almost at the deadline.

To do in 6 wks what should have been done over a period of 6 mo's is a tough assignment, but there is a way of handling it. A group headed by HERBERT LEHMAN, former UNRRA director, and CLARENCE PICKETT, of the American Friends Service Committee, has placed before Pres TRUMAN a realistic program designed to meet the immediate emergency. . . It

calls for the doubling of export quotas for the period between April 1 and June 30—wheat exports, for instance, would be upped from 125 million bushels to 250 million. Shipments of fats and oils would be doubled thru an expanded hog-slaughtering program. . .

This program can do the trick, but it can only be carried out by the most vigorous action. It calls for add'l belt-tightening by Americans but for no real sacrifice on their part. . . The bulk of the increase, however, must be gained by reducing the estimated wheat carry-over from 84 million to 8 million bushels and by diverting a third of the wheat used for feeding livestock. This reduction in livestock feed, plus a stepped-up slaughtering of cattle, hogs, and poultry, is particularly urgent because it was thru animal feeding, not gluttony, that America wasted its bumper harvest of '45. In the 1st 9 mo's of the crop season we turned 3 times as much wheat into livestock feed as in pre-war yrs. But grain eaten directly will sustain from 7 to 8 times as many human lives as the same am't of grain consumed in the form of meat. . .

The crisis is so grave and the time so short that unprecedented efforts to fulfil our obligations must be made by every American, from the Chief Executive to the humblest citizen.



SHIFTING SANDS

Modern Industry notes new trend in company-sponsored education courses. Allis Chalmers Mfg Co is offering its personnel special course in atomistics, nuclear physics this spring. Courses, given in co-operation with Ill Institute of Technology, are believed to be first of kind offered by any industrial firm. . . Figures just released show British export in mfd cars to be above their pre-war output—this in spite of their shortage of mat'ls, bombed factories. . . Hat Research Foundation, set up for the purpose of persuading more men to wear hats, on theory that men will succumb to feminine pressure, will soon begin adv campaign in women's magazines, using appeal: "The right hat on the right man makes you look smarter!". . . Ultimate in shortages has been reached. Recent announcement from Sing Sing regrets that institution can no longer give each grad a white shirt as he takes off—only colored one, with no stripes.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"Russia has the pioneer spirit, the aggressiveness we had 50 to 100 yrs ago, while we no longer have the character of the pioneers. We have grown soft."—Dr IRVING LANGMUIR, assoc director of research Gen'l Electric Co. 1-Q

"The motion picture industry can help support . . . rights and correct . . . wrongs. . . But as long as the movies shy away from screen plays that have something more significant to say than 'hubba hubba' this grave responsibility will go unfulfilled."—ROBT E SHERWOOD, playwright. 2-Q

"The soldier still differentiates between the nation's collective guilt and the individual German Fraulein or man whom he has learned to know as a personal friend."—Brig-Gen'l PAUL W THOMPSON, chief of army's information and education div, Germany. However, the American soldier "is not softening in his attitude toward the German nation as a whole." 3-Q

"The people of the U S are more aware, more informed and more courageous about what is going on in the world today than their govt."—Geo S MESSERSMITH, U S Ambassador to Argentina. 4-Q

"An unborn child has as much right to being well born as it has a right to live."—Circuit Judge ELMER J SCHNACKENBERG, Chicago, granting unborn child permission to sue grandmother for \$25,000 for alienation of father's affections. 5-Q

"I'd been reading about the crime wave while I was in Sing Sing. A fellow needs protection."—JOHN BOULTER, 27, N Y, recently paroled after serving 4 yrs for attempted burglary, explaining to police why he was carrying pistol, bullets. 6-Q

"Let me give southern industry this warning—grow and co-operate with us or fight for your life against Communist forces."—WM GREEN, pres AF of L, launching campaign for million new southern mbrs within the next yr. 7-Q

"He's probably the strongest husky dog in the whole Northland!"

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YOU ON THAT?"

—Dr F H L TAYLOR, of Boston, who assisted in recent physical fitness tests in Arctic, relating how his Eskimo dog raided stores and gobbled 30,000 vitamin tablets. At last acc'ts pooch was okay. 8-Q

"I may, not be able to get butter, but I know which side of my bread it's supposed to go on."—"ARCHIE" (ED GARDNER) of the *Duffy's Tavern* radio program. 9-Q

"There is no place in the credo of a progressive America for the Ku Klux Klan, the Silver Shirts, or other satellites of American Fascism."—HENRY A WALLACE, Sec'y of Commerce. 10-Q

"He wasn't a good piano player anyway."—Boss who fired HARRY TRUMAN, piano player in a Cleveland tavern. 11-Q

"If this continues, when they reach the age of 25, they will wear size 10½-E instead of the 5-A their mothers used to wear."—Dr JONAS C MORRIS. Speaking before the Chiropractic Society of N J, Inc, he referred to survey of shoe retailers which showed younger set have feet 2 to 3 sizes larger than their mothers. 12-Q

"No lady can show off her entire Paris wardrobe in even the most palatial air liner."—Ship line exec, insisting that sea travel can hold its own against air travel of the future. (Quoted by LESTER VELLE, *Nation's Business*.) 13-Q

"Somebody may have left this town. But I didn't feel him go."—Mrs ELEANOR HARPER, district housing director, Washington, D C, declaring housing situation in nation's capitol gets tougher by the day. 14-Q

"Most of the new industries coming to the south today expect to pay decent wages and find union conditions."—Geo GOODE, southern head of AF of L, observing that the era when south attracted industry thru lure of low wages has practically vanished. 15-Q

"The Japanese are friendly and receptive to Christianity."—Ex-Marine Cpl KAYE L JENSEN, 20, Salt Lake City, Utah, discussing plans to ret'n to Central Pacific as missionary of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) church to Japanese speaking peoples of the islands. (Kaye spent 30 mo's in Pacific, participated in Saipan invasion.) 16-Q

"I got a little tangled up roller skating the other night, but then I used to do that when I had my real legs."—CHARLES WHITLOCK, 23, Denver, Colo, World War II amputee, cheerfully observing, "It doesn't bother me a bit." (Whitlock is now an insurance salesman and "doing all right.") 17-Q

"If they have to move in here, we'll find room for them."—County Judge BOONE HAMILTON, Frankfort, Ky, answering avowed intention of ex-sailor SAM CREGGER, wife and 3 children to move into courthouse if search for suitable quarters elsewhere fails. 18-Q

"It seems almost certain that the Ohio Penitentiary will see a decided increase in population during the next few yrs."—FRANK D HENDERSON, warden, expressing confidence that manpower shortage in prison factories is "only temporary." 19-Q

"You live just as many lives as you have children. And each life seems more interesting than the last." — Mrs HOWARD MANSFIELD, Freewater, Ore, mother of six, proclaimed Oregon Mother of 1946 by Gov EARL SNELL. 20-Q

"All I said to him was 'Sir, you are a meat-head.'"—ERNE LOMBARDI, N Y Giant catcher, wondering why umpire GEO MAGERKURTH tossed him out of recent Pittsburgh game. 21-Q

"I got thru on a glass of orange juice. I felt eye strain and sleepy

at the end of 3 hrs, but then I began to recover and when I finished I wanted to start all over again."—Rev NEIL CRAWFORD, of Buffalo, N Y. Determined to be 1st person to read new revision of the New Testament, he bought 1st copy, picked a comfortable chair in YMCA, finished last chapter 7 hrs, 39 min's later. 22-Q

"It's going to be tough on those who have to die in the meantime."—F H LA GUARDIA, director gen'l, UNRRA, declaring he would make more tours of nation, "if necessary," to get wheat from U S farms to starving peoples of the world. 23-Q

"When a man in America eats a slice of bread he could do without, he becomes, in truth, an accessory for death in India, China or Japan, in Italy, Yugoslavia or Austria, in a doz other countries."—CLINTON P ANDERSON, Sec'y of Agriculture, in *Collier's*. 24-Q

"It can be put into the cloth in the final milling, and also can be added whenever the mat'l is dry cleaned."—Dr EDGAR H BOOTH, of London, chairman of Internat'l Wool secretariat, reporting that all woolen goods can be completely moth-proofed with DDT. 25-Q

"I think Mr Lewis is out to out-Petrillo Petrillo."—JOHN D SMALL, CPA Administrator. 26-Q

"Why not elect John L Lewis Pres of the U S—so that he will not have so much power?"—WALTER WINCHELL, in a recent radio broadcast. 27-Q

"Wait a minute; I'll call up Truman and ask."—JACK BENNY, comedian, upon being asked when a certain train was due to depart. 28-Q

"Papers tend to emphasize prominent persons and overlook those of less prominence."—Mrs BOOTH TARKINGTON, explaining why she would not provide papers with list of persons sending messages of sympathy on the death of her husband, famed Hoosier novelist. 29-Q

"We in Mississippi intend to take care of any CIO-Communist infiltration. The Communists will have no success in the South."—Sen JAMES EASTLAND, warning CIO which plans to organize Southern workers, to "stay out." 30-Q

"I wonder is freedom still holding the light—or is she just calling the waiter?"—*Sunday Dispatch*, London, poem about Statue of Liberty, criticizing "American plenty" in face of Britain's decision to send add'l 200,000 tons of food to areas of famine. 31-Q

"Common misconception is that the atomic bomb has given us all we want to know about nuclear energy. The truth is that knowledge of the nucleus is at the stage that our knowledge of the incandescent lamp had reached in 1900."—Dr C G SURRIS, v-pres in charge of research, Gen'l Electric Co. 32-Q

"I'm just exhausted. I've been running all over town looking for meat. I just pulled over to the curb to rest and try to think if I had missed any places."—WM JEFFRIES, whose slumping over steering wheel to "rest" resulted in phone call to police from frantic passerby to report a dead man in the car. As police prepared to remove the body, the "victim" opened his eyes, sat up and yawned. 33-Q

"We have got to make the U N work, even if we shed a little blood. If world peace is achieved, it would be worth more than the blood spilled all over the South Pacific."—GORDON ALLOTT, pres, addressing Young Republican Nat'l Federation convention, Charleson, W Va. 34-Q

"There's gold in this mountain of mine. If you guys will shoot one of those rockets over here and just take the top off it, I'll give you 10%."—PETE JUBSON, prospector in New Mexico, to officer in charge of test of V-2s. 35-Q

"I'm getting damn tired of these strikes. If enough of us fellows pitch in, we can help a lot in this area, at least."—CHAS J CUROINE, of Omaha, air corps veteran, offering to work for ry for 1 mo without pay. 36-Q

"One hundred dollars reward for any person who can put John L Lewis out of business."—Sign posted by veteran harness maker GEO L ELSKAMP, Danbury, Ia. 37-Q

"The test of self-gov't is whether we can find ways to establish industrial justice without resorting to industrial war."—Rep FRANCIS CASE, of S Dakota, author of Case

labor bill now in Congress. "Strikes are the relics of jungle law where the man with the biggest club rules." 38-Q

"The Philippines today are a living testimonial and a perpetual monument to the lack of imperialistic pattern in American foreign policy."—Brig-Gen'l MANUEL A ROXAS, pres-elect, Philippines. 39-Q

"Now, if they want to organize the workers, it is up to them."—Unnamed Oak Ridge, Tenn, atomic energy plant official, referring to 6 nat'l union offices recently opened in Oak Ridge. (During war, thru agreement with war dep't, unions made no attempt to organize the workers.) 40-Q

"An average income of about \$5,000 for every man and woman who works for a living."—CHESTER A BOWLES, stabilization dir, in recently published book, *Tomorrow Without Fear*, predicting annual U S productive capacity of \$400 billion in goods, services—twice the peak wartime output—by 1970. 41-Q

"Private capitalistic economy is so far superior to anything yet promised by England's democratic state-socialism that I am not immediately worried about English influence upon American standards of life."—JOSEPH KENNEDY, former U S Ambassador to Britain. 42-Q



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COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

"... my name isn't
Harry S Truman"

WESTBROOK PEGLER

The dour columnist of the Hearst stables occasionally breaks forth in a rather startling strain of what may perhaps pass for poetry. Last wk he suffered a virulent attack of the periodic malady, which we excerpt sparingly.

One day I was standing on the southwest corner of Elm and Spruce

When a lady she come up to me and said: "I hope you will excuse My apparent impertinence because I am not impertinent at all,

But anyone can see you have intellectually a great deal on the ball And I have been in several quarantaries all the livelong day

About foreign relations, such as Russia and the OPA.

And then you take the housing problem and just try to buy a sheet

Or a shirt or some shorts or don't even mention butter and very little meat.

But, still and all, the landlord has got his troubles, too,

And if they don't pay the rent it don't do him no good to sue

Because, like as not, they are just no good, shiftless bums

And they won't work a lick as long as the unemployment money comes...

So, like I said, I was standing at Elm and Spruce this day

When up this very intelligent lady come and unto me did say

About as I have stated in the inquiries foregoing,

A tribute, as I take it, to my own abundant knowing.

So I am very flattered but, after all, I am only human, and

Lady, I thank God every day my name isn't Harry S Truman.

AGE—Youth—1

It is always safer to agree with the old, but it is infinitely more important to convince the young.—KIRSOPP LAKE, *The Lutheran*.

CHILD TRAINING—2

A visitor to Coleridge argued strongly against the religious instruction of the young and declared his own determination not to "prejudice" his children in favor of any form of religion, but to allow them at maturity to choose for themselves. The answer of Coleridge was pertinent and sound.

"Why not let the clods choose for themselves between cockleberries and strawberries?"—*Presbyterian Record*.

CO-OPERATION—3

Centuries ago, merchants in the back country of China had to sail their goods down the Yangtze River on heavily laden skiffs and barges. All would sail smoothly until they reached the swirling rapids. Then many a trader's fortune was catapulted into the roaring rapids and strewn over the bottom of the Yangtze.

One day... a Chinese scholar, watching the skiffs being loaded, began to evolve a scheme that might prevent individuals from being wiped out financially in a single trip. At his suggestion, each trader divided his shipment into 100 bundles, put 1 bundle in each of the boats of the caravan... Five of them were lost on the journey. But instead of 5 traders being completely ruined, all the merchants got 95% of their goods home safely—thus began the expression—"A Chinaman's Chance."—*Best*.

DISCIPLINE—4

If a child annoys you, quiet him by brushing his hair... If this doesn't work, use the other side of brush on the other end of the child.—*Shawano (Wis) County Jnl*.

DRINK—Drinking—5

For centuries we've been conditioned in our literature to accept the drunk as a comic figure. In the very middle of one of the grimmest tragedies ever written Shakespeare interrupts... to introduce... a drunken porter—for comic relief.

In the current comedy success, *Harvey*, Dowd goes to the bookcase, takes out a book and retrieves a bottle of whisky... The audience howls with laughter. Me, I wanted to stand up and cry out: "What in

God's name are you laughing at—what the hell's funny about it?"—CHAS JACKSON (author, *The Lost Weekend*), "What's So Funny About a Drunk?" *Cosmopolitan*, 5-'46.

EDUCATION—6

Teachers are people
Perpetually yearning
To meet one small boy
Not allergic to learning.—ETHEL M WEGERT, *NEA Jnl*.

EXHIBITIONISM—7

Presiding over a municipal court in an upstate N Y city is an exhibitionist who, when he feels the urge to put on his act, questions the alleged traffic-law violator before him until he gets an answer to which he can—reasonably or unreasonably—take exception. Then he flies into a synthetic rage, snatches off his spectacles, hurls them under the spectators' seats in front of the bench, and imposes a heavy fine. After the victim has gone his way a courtroom attendant retrieves the spectacles—which are made of unbreakable glass.—MYRON STEARNS, "Are Your Traffic Courts a Scandal?" *American City*, 5-'46.

FAME—8

A distinguished actor had a large photo of Wordsworth prominently displayed in his dressing room. A friend regarded the picture with some surprise and remarked: "I see you are an admirer of Wordsworth."

"Who's Wordsworth?" demanded the actor.

"Why that's his picture," his friend pointed out. "That's Wordsworth the poet."

The actor regarded the photograph with a new interest. "Is that old fellow a poet? I got him for a study in wrinkles."—*Capper's Wkly*.

FAMILY LIFE—9

Family jars should never be used for preserving domestic happiness.—FRANK PIXLEY, *Woman's Home Companion*.

FEAR—10

There are those who waste their lives by fighting the yrs. They are afraid to eat for fear they may get too fat; afraid not to eat for fear they may have malnutrition or avitaminosis. They are afraid to exercise because of heart strain and afraid not to exercise because that may bring on ills. They are afraid

to feel their pulse for fear they may detect a flaw and afraid not to feel it for fear that they might miss a beat. . . They are indeed afraid to live for fear they will die—and that is death or worse.—THURMAN B RICE, "Adding Life to Our Yrs," *Hygeia*, 5-46.

They DO say. . .

Past 30 days has been a hectic time in radio. Big advertisers have cancelled network programs at record rate. Most chain contracts have clause permitting cancellation if domestic production falls 25% below previous yr. Retrenchment due to gen'l frustration in production picture; nothing to sell. . . *Esquire's* class quarterly, due in the fall, will be called *Moment*, sell at \$5 per stanza; several foreign-language editions. . . JOE CREAMER and BILL HOFFMAN have compiled book, *Radio Sound Effects*, issued by *Ziff-Davis*. . . *Tide* pleads for pension of stork in ad copy, declares he's "beginning to get the same peaked look as the old NRA chicken." . . *The Whip*, Miami (Fla) newssheet for Negroes is campaigning for colored workers to give better service on jobs "else there will be no jobs on which they are wanted." . . Nat'l Kraut Packers Ass'n has hired press agent to "raise sauerkraut's social level." And in Minneapolis this wk, MISS RUTH SAUER, Mrs MILDRED KRAUT, old friends, were sharing hotel room.

HUMAN NATURE—11

A man was looking for a good church to attend and happened into a small one in which the congregation were reading, with the minister. They were saying: "We have left undone those things we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."

The man dropped into a seat and sighed with relief as he said to himself: "Thank goodness. I've found my crowd at last."—*Jnl of Education*.

INFLATION—12

A man who ran a small chicken ranch needed wheat for his chickens, so he went to work for a farmer 1 day a wk. The farmer paid him \$5 a day. He used the \$5 to buy wheat

from the farmer at \$1 a bushel. Every day he took home 5 bushels of wheat.

One day he said to the farmer "I've got to have more money. I'm going to charge you \$6 a day for my work."

"I know how it is," said the farmer, "I've got to have more money for my wheat. Starting today wheat will cost you \$1.20 a bushel."

So the man worked 1 day a wk for the farmer and at the end of the day he took home 5 bushels of wheat. . .

After awhile his wages got up to \$10 a day, and he paid \$2 a bushel for his wheat. The farmer said to his wife, "Isn't it wonderful? I'm getting twice as much for my wheat as I used to."

The man with the chicken ranch said to his wife, "Isn't it wonderful? I'm getting twice the wages I used to get."—*Trundle Talks*, hm, Trundle Engineering Co.

LABOR—Strikes—13

Today's Version: Make a better mousetrap and the people who try to beat a path to your door will be halted by pickets! — *Progressive Grocer*.

MARRIED LIFE—14

"How do you manage to get money out of your husband?"

"Oh, I simply say, 'I'm going back to mother,' and he immediately hands me the fare."—*Parts Jobber*.

NEUTRALITY—Danger of—15

There is a classic story from the Civil War which relates how an inhabitant of the border country between the North and the South decided to remain neutral and therefore dressed himself in Confederate trousers and a Union jacket with the unfortunate result that the Confederates shot him in the chest and the Union soldiers shot him in the seat of the pants. —Nils Wm OLSSON, "Swedish Relief: During the War and After," *Internat'l Altrusan*, 5-46.

PERSPECTIVE—16

A little girl did not dust the furniture to suit grandmother; and grandmother made her do it again—once, twice, three times, and still grandmother was not satisfied. Finally the child looked up and said, "Grandmother, that dust is not on the furniture; it is on on your glasses."—G S NICHOLS, "They Shall See God," *Pastor*, 5-46.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
THRU A
MEGAPHONE**

Out in Calif last wk a mining engineer indulged in a dream, with his eyes wide open. The engineer is Prof Theo J Hoover, dean emeritus of Stanford Univ, and brother of former Pres Herbert Hoover. His dream should perhaps be more accurately classified as a nightmare. For Prof Hoover envisioned the end of the metallic age, which he now believes is approaching its peak.

The subject is hardly one for immediate distress. The calamity is still some centuries away, and the blow will not strike suddenly.

The passing of tin may be an inconvenience, but the end of steel—that, says Engineer Hoover, will be a real tragedy. In the steel-less age we shall continue to have our automobiles and aircraft. But without a strong, abundant metal, the skyscraper will be a thing of the past. As the world grows older, and metals become more and more precious, Prof Hoover sees mankind retrogressing, 1st to the ox-cart era, and finally to the primitive caves of our earliest progenitors.

All that Prof Hoover says is technically valid. But who shall conclude that man was intended by his Maker to pursue a crab-like course to oblivion? History has set up too many lessons pointing toward an opposite course. A century ago, whaling vessels were a-rot in our harbors and men mourned the passing of the great mammal. "When the whale goes" they said, "the world will be in darkness. We'll have no oil for our lamps." Then, in 1850, someone found an oil spouting from the ground in Pennsylvania—an oil that would burn. Later, to meet the plaint that "the coal oil is giving out" Edison perfected the electric light. Yes, the whale is gone. But there's still light in the world. Let us trust that there ever shall be.

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AUTOMOBILES: Tires in color to match paint jobs of auto bodies becomes possible with new silica compound which gives rubber toughness achieved thru carbon-black, but without discoloration. (B F Goodrich Co)

FARM MACH'Y: Graham-Paige Rototiller machine, virtually a "mechanical hired man," performs more than 20 different farm chores. A self-powered device which in one operation prepares ground for planting, it can also be used as: cultivator, seeder, furrower, soil compactor, lawn mower, field mower, roller, snow plow, bulldozer hiller, trash coverer, trailer-hauler, ice-cutter, cement maker, soil shredder, ditch digger, turf cutter and as power plant to operate saws, grinders, water pumps other farm mach'y. (U P Dispatch)

INVENTIONS: Reynolds Metal is readying a disposable aluminum milk bottle. Will shortly offer a cigarette pkg without usual jacket or cellophane. (Printers' Ink)

MUSIC: Radionically controlled to eliminate "drag" inherent in mechanical gears or plates, a new Intermix Silent-Speed Changer, claimed to change records in less than 3½ secs, has been developed by Zenith. Both 10-in and 12-in records can be placed on spindle at the same time; changer has built in automatic pilot, adjusts tone arm as each record drops into playing position. (Adv & Selling)

PROCESSÉS: War-born process for flame-proofing fabrics, *Ban-Flame*, is applied (at factory only) to cottons, woolsens, or rayons without changing feel or appearance. Flame applied chars fabric at point of contact but fabric itself won't flame. Process mildew-proofs too. Fabrics may be washed, dry-cleaned without losing these qualities. *Ban-Flame* label will appear in stores soon. (Better Homes & Gardens)

PRICE CONTROL—17

Sen Charles H Tobey, of N H, reflecting that if price controls were lifted they might have to be clamped back on, tells this story: A husband noticed for the 1st time that his wife was largely facial make-up. "Go upstairs and take it off," he ordered. She did so, but when he saw her he told her, "go back upstairs and put it back on."

—A P Dispatch.

RESPONSIBILITY—18

A ship, to run a straight course, can have but one pilot and one steering wheel. The same applies to the successful operation of a business. There cannot be a steering wheel at every seat in an organization.—JULES ORMONT, *Think*.

SELFISHNESS—19

There is said to be a strange plant in South America which finds a moist place and rests there for a while sending its roots down and becoming green. When this bit of earth dries up, the plant draws itself together and is blown along by the wind until it finds another moist spot, where it repeats the same story. On and on it rolls, stopping wherever it finds a little water and staying until the water is exhausted. But after all its journeyings, it is nothing but a bundle of dead roots and leaves. The life of this plant tells the story of those who drink only at this world's springs. They go on from spring to spring, and at last, at the end of the longest life, they are nothing but bundles of unsatisfied desires and burning thirsts.—MILLER's *Devotional Hrs*.

SERVICE—to Others—20

A young girl of 16 lay dying. She had been an elder child in a large motherless family. She spent her childhood bearing the burdens of the home. She literally was tired to death, dying of tuberculosis. A visitor asked her if she had been confirmed? Had she gone to church? To which she answered: "No."

Taking a serious view of the whole situation the visitor asked, "What will you do when you die and have to tell God that?"

The child, taking out her thin, transparent hands, stained and twisted with work, laid them on the coverlet, and said: "I shall show Him my hands."—Rev JOHN CRAIG ROAK, *Everybody's Wkly*.

SPEECH—Speaking—21

The reason that there are so few women after-dinner speakers is because few can wait that long.—*Religious Telescope*.

SUCCESS—22

Success is a matter either of getting around you better men than yourself or getting around better men than yourself.—*Banking*.

This Cockeyed Country

(As viewed by cynical cartoonists of the *New Yorker*)

(Factory spokesman commenting on endless assembly line of electric irons): "It will be some time before the dealers get any. It's all we can do now to keep the radio quiz programs supplied with enough for prizes."—ROB'T DAY.

(Sign on dep't store counter): "Special necklaces—Formerly \$2.50. Now only \$6."—BOB GALIVAN.

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TRAVEL—24

It is estimated that in 10 yrs American tourists will be spending nearly \$1,500,000,000 annually to travel in foreign lands. Last yr, despite the war Americans spent approx \$400,000,000 in foreign travel—\$70,000,000 in Mexico, \$130,000,000 in Canada and \$50,000,000 in Central and South America. In addition, \$150,000,000 was spent by business men, gov't people and representatives of agencies like the Red Cross.—*Grit*.

VISION—Lack—25

Geo Westinghouse, who figured out the air brake... first took the drawings, so the legend goes, to Jay Gould the railroad magnate.

Gould examined them with a supercilious eye and tapped his pencil while Westinghouse explained. Finally he said with impatience, "I have no time to waste on fools who think they can stop a train by air."

Westinghouse... did (eventually) succeed in introducing his crackpot way of stopping trains. Eventually news of the success of the air brake reached Gould, who sent for the young inventor. For once an inventor got in his lick. Westinghouse sent back a note which read, "I, too, have no time to waste on fools."—B J MUNCHWEILER, *Tracks*, hm, C & O Ry.

The Decline and Fall of Fascismo

It is inaccurate to refer to COUNT GALEAZZO CIANO as Mussolini's Boswell, for the well-born Italian play boy held for his strutting, fatuous father-in-law an ill-concealed contempt. Yet, as Italy's Foreign Minister during the 8 yrs that Hitler and Mussolini plotted world revolution (they neither expected nor wanted world war) he was an observer, a collaborator, and not infrequently an instigator of many moves attributed to the Duce. Fortunately for the historian, Ciano kept a diary throughout this fateful period, which will prove an invaluable reference source for generations to come. Now that the chapter is ended, we read with added fascination the reactions, particularly the apprehensions, of an active participant. After the execution of Count Ciano (by Mussolini's order) the diary was smuggled out of Italy by his widow, the Duce's daughter, Edda. The Ciano Diaries form a single volume, published in the U S by Doubleday at \$4. The mss was edited by Hugh Gibson.

Mar 15, '39: German troops began their occupation of Bohemia. . . The Fuehrer sends word that he acted because the Czechs would not demobilize. . . and because they mistreated Germans. Such pretexts may be good for Goebbels' propaganda, but should not be used when talking with us.

Nov 9, '39: The attempt on Hitler's life at Munich leaves everybody quite skeptical. . . The Duce has tried hard to compose a telegram. . . He wanted it to be warm, but not too warm, because. . . no Italian feels any great joy over the fact that Hitler escaped death—least of all the Duce.

Mar 8, '40: I dread the Duce's contact with the Germans. The thought of war dominates him. . . Ribbentrop will need no great power of oratory to urge on the Duce a course which he, the Duce, desires with all his soul.

May 13, '40: (Mussolini said) "Some mo's ago I said that the Allies had lost the victory. Today I tell you that they have lost the war. We Italians are already sufficiently dishonored. . . Within a mo I shall declare war."

Sept 9, '40: The drive against Egypt has suffered a new delay. Graziani is preparing to begin action on the 12th. Never has a military operation been undertaken so much against the will of the commanders.

May 13, '41: Mussolini comforted von Ribbentrop (on the Hess af-

fair) but afterward told me that he considers (it) a tremendous blow to the Nazi regime.

July 1, '41: The Germans are now meeting stronger Russian resistance. (The Duce says) "I hope. . . that in this war in the East the Germans will lose a lot of feathers. It is false to speak of an anti-Eolshevik struggle. . . Let (Hitler) say rather that he wants to vanquish a great continental power with tanks of 52 tons which was getting ready to settle acc'ts."

Dec 7, '41: This morning the Duce was very much irritated by the paucity of losses in eastern Africa. (The soldiers preferred to be taken prisoner rather than die.) Those who fell at Gondar in Nov number 67; the prisoners, 10,000. (This was date of Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. A day later, Ciano records a night telephone call from Ribbentrop, joyful over the news.)

Feb 4, '42: Goering wore a great sable coat to the station—something between what automobile drivers wore in '06 and what a high-grade prostitute wears to the opera.

Jan 22, '43: The Duce thinks that today's German communique is the worst since the beginning of war. . . Rout at Stalingrad, retreat everywhere on the front, and Tripoli about to fall. It appears that Rommel has again maneuvered in such a way as to save his forces, leaving the Italian troops in the lurch. Mussolini is very much irritated.



Bread

The New York Times Magazine recently gathered a sizeable collection of quotations relating to man's traditional staff of life. From this source we take a few items of special contemporary significance.

"What man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will give him a stone?"—Matthew VII, 9.

"Bread is the staff of life; in which is contained inclusive, the quintessence of beef, mutton, venison, partridge, plum pudding and custard. . ."—JONATHAN SWIFT, *A Tale of a Tub*.

"Better is half a loaf than no bread."—JOHN HAYWOOD, *Proverbs*.

"Oh, God! that bread should be so dear,
And flesh and blood so cheap!"
—THOS HOOD, *Song of The Shirt*.

"Brown bread and the Gospels is good fare."—English Puritan saying.

"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat."—Proverbs, XXV, 21.

"To a hungry man there is no bad bread."—French proverb.

"With bread al' sorrows are less."—CERVANTES, *Don Quixote*.

"What bread men break is broke to them again."—JOHN TAYLOR.

"Here is bread, which strengthens man's heart, and therefore is called the staff of life."—MATTHEW HENRY, *Commentaries*.

"Give me again my hollow tree,
A crust of bread, and liberty."
—ALEXANDER POPE, *Satires*.

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Uncle Ben was a patient, philosophical old darky who earned his living mowing lawns, tending furnace, and hauling wood for the more prosperous homes in the village. He was never known to speak a harsh or unkind word, but he came very near to it one day, when an angry and resentful neighbor descended upon him and called him many harsh and terrible names.

Uncle Ben silently heard him out, and then said to him, "Joe, if you offers somethin' to a man, and he refuses it, den who does it belong to?"

His enemy reflected briefly, and replied, "Ah supposes it belongs to de fellow whut offered it."

"Sho', sho'," agreed Uncle Ben. "Den dem vile names yo' called me Ah refuses to accept."—*Wall St Jnl.*

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Little Louise had lined up the living room chairs in a row and was playing train. Mrs Jackson, from next door, came in and took a seat. The youngster didn't want the lady on her train so she said, "Mrs Jackson, this is a train of cars."

"Fine," replied the kindly neighbor, "then I'll be a passenger and take a ride."

Louise considered a moment. "Where do you want to go?"

"I'll get off at Bloomington," replied Mrs Jackson.

"Well," announced Louise, demurely, "this is Bloomington."—*Christian Science Monitor.*

Speaking of Speakers. . .

JOHN ANDREW HOLMES

Some who receive no applause in this life will spend eternity taking bows.

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An unprepared speech is only a form of deep breathing.

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When God speaks, his hearers should not only give him a hand, but lend him a hand.

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The trouble with some public speakers is that parents taught them to talk without waiting to find out if they had anything to say.

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It is futile to fill a hall if the audience is sent away empty.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

Adm CHESTER W NIMITZ

I had occasion to tell this story at an Army-Navy chaplain's luncheon in Washington not long ago. The padres got quite a kick out of it.

The incident occurred some time before the war, on a ship where gunnery crews were uncommonly keen. So much interest developed that it got to a point where the men did nothing but "talk shop." The commanding officer finally issued a ruling that there should be no "shop talk" during mess. At the 1st meal after the order was posted an attitude of obvious restraint prevailed. Every man was trying consciously to keep the conversation in gen'l channels. When the chaplain arose to give the prayer, an officer touched him on the arm, warned solemnly, "Remember, Chaplain, no 'shop talk' today!"

The new minister was enthusiastic about foreign missions and one of his 1st tasks was to call upon parishioners whom he knew to have money and enlist their support. "I'm sorry," replied one wealthy farmer, "but it's no use asking me. I don't approve of foreign missions."

"But surely," the minister persisted, "you know that we are commanded to feed the hungry."

"That may be," came the grim reply, "but can't we feed 'em on something cheaper than missionaries?"—*Forum.*

"The work relief interviewer looked the applicant squarely in the eye. "Now, Mr Palnik, what about your family? You have a wife, children?"

"Yes, lady, yes. I must have job. So much trouble. My wife she gone to her folks. My children all at orphans' home. You no give me job I lose my Ford."—*Survey.*

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Lord Louis Sterling, the British-Gaumont exec, rec'd word of his Knighthood while he was visiting his native America. To celebrate the occasion friends tendered a banquet to him at the Astor, with everybody making flowery speeches that drew tremendous applause. But the show was stolen by the Guest of Honor's daughter, who cabled the new Lord from London: "Congratulations, Father—for making a Lady out of Mother."—*Parade.*

